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Saskatchewan on track to become Canada's economic growth leader

Potash industry driving Saskaboom.
Growth in western provinces good for Canada, premier says

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Saskatchewan could be replacing Alberta as Canada's leader in economic growth.

A recent outlook report from the Conference Board of Canada says both provinces are faring better than others in Canada. However, accelerated capital expenditures in Saskatchewan's potash industry have put the province "on track" to overtake Alberta in 2013 and 2014 as Canada's fastest growing economy.

Premier Brad Wall said he feels Saskatchewan is ready to take the spot of Canada's leading economy.

"It's very positive news," said Wall. "Most of the forecasters in the country have pegged us at one or two for the next couple of years and this is the latest one — we just released our growth plan and this is the kind of the growth that we need to sustain."

Wall also said the fact both provinces are doing well is positive for Canada, adding the New West Partnership between Alberta, B.C. and Saskatchewan will play an important role in the country's growth.

Alberta Finance Minister Doug Horner agreed growth in the two provinces is a good thing.

"Right now, we're the economic drivers for a lot of the country," said Horner. "A lot of the jobs that are being created in Eastern Canada — as an example — are directly or indirectly related to the economic expansion of the West."

Alberta Premier Alison Redford also spoke of Canada's rise as an international energy power at the Halifax International Security Forum, saying Canada has a role to play in a potential shift of global power.

"We are energy-rich in an increasingly thirsty world," said Redford. "As producers, and not just consumers of energy here in North America, we can reassess the global balance of power and, I believe, tilt it in new and unexpected ways."

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A recent outlook report from the Conference Board of Canada says Saskatchewan is on pace to overtake Alberta as Canada's leader in economic growth. Both Alberta Premier Alison Redford and Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall say continued western growth is good for Canada. PHOTO MONTAGE; PHOTOS: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Agribition casts wider net

"We are not just cows," say the organizers of the largest agriculture show in Canada, expected to draw more than 800 international buyers from 70 countries PAGE 2

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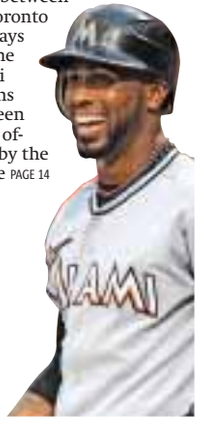

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Agribition hoping to attract larger audience

And so much more.
Organizers trying to reach out to international buyers, locals not associated with agriculture

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Agribition may be the largest agriculture show in Canada, but organizers say it is much more than that.

"(People) still think we are all about cows and it's certainly a big component of what we are, but we are not just cows," said Marty Seymour, CEO of Canadian Western Agribition.

The six-day-long event features more than 500 exhibits, including shopping of all kinds, lots of food options (including bacon on a stick) and entertainment. Of course, there are still many agriculture events including livestock shows and auctions, a themed rodeo every night and industry events like the new Grain Expo.

Canadian Western Agribition brings people to Saskatchewan from all over Canada and the world. Organizers are expecting more than 800 international buyers from 70 countries to visit the event. They are hoping to beat last year's attendance of 126,000 people.

"It's exciting to be able to come to an event (like this) where we have people from 70 countries around the world who are willing to come here and take a look at Canadian agriculture products and then take them back to their countries," said David Anderson, MP for Cypress Hills-Grasslands, on Monday at the kickoff event and opening of the new commercial cattle barn.

Rodeo theme nights

- **Tuesday –** First Nations Night
- **Wednesday –** Roughriders Pride Night
- **Thursday –** Student Night
- **Friday –** Pats Night
- **Saturday –** Family Day

Students from grades 6 to 12 compete for 10 spots in the High School Rodeo on Monday. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

The federal government invested almost $150,000 in an agri-marketing program to attract more foreign investments and attention to the event. The 42nd Canadian Western Agribition is taking place at Regina's Evraz Place and ends Saturday. Gate admission is $15 for adults, $5 for youth and free for under 12; rodeo tickets are extra.

Province moves to privatize land registry

Jeff Stusek, president and CEO of the Information Services Corporation, left, Saskatchewan Minister of Highways and Infrastructure Don McMorris and Saskatchewan Minister of Justice Gordon Wyant at a press conference on the future of the ISC, Monday, in Regina. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

The Saskatchewan government has introduced legislation to privatize the Crown corporation that handles land and personal property registries.

The province says it will sell 60 per cent of Information Services Corp., which was formed as a Crown in 2000.

Don McMorris, the minister responsible for ISC, said Monday that a sale is the best way for the company to grow beyond Saskatchewan.

"It has got a great product to put on display and hopefully sell throughout the world," McMorris said.

Of the 60 per cent of shares that will be for sale, five per cent can be bought by employees, 45 per cent by Saskatchewan citizens and 50 per cent by outside investors.

Transfer of services

Services handled by ISC now, such as vital statistics including births, marriages and deaths, will be transferred to the government.

No one person or group of investors will be allowed to buy more than 15 per cent of the shares sold.

The government said the shares are expected to raise between $90 and $120 million, which McMorris said will be used to build infrastructure, such as roads.

The legislation says the company's head office must stay in Saskatchewan.

The province will also keep 40 per cent of ISC, although that figure is not enshrined in the legislation.

McMorris said there is no immediate plan to change the amount.

"We don't have any designs any time soon, no. We want to see how the company runs and how successful this is into the future," he said.

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Union laws

Labour Minister Morgan's remarks disappoint group

The Saskatchewan Federation of Labour says it's disappointed with the way new labour rules have been released.

Federation president Larry Hubich is questioning why Labour Minister Don Morgan would discuss details about new union laws at a business association that he says is anti-union.

Morgan announced plans to change specific labour laws while speaking at the North Saskatoon Business Association luncheon on Friday.

The government plans to overhaul 15 separate pieces of workplace-related legislation into one omnibus labour law. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investigation

Police looking for culprit who shot, killed five cows

Police in southeastern Saskatchewan are looking for the culprit who shot and killed five cows and injured a sixth. The loss to the owner is estimated at about $10,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Young suspects

Car thieves barely able to reach the pedals, police say

Saskatoon police say they were surprised when they opened the door of a stolen SUV and found two young thieves inside.

The driver was so small he could barely reach the foot pedals or see over the dashboard.

Officers took the boys into custody and discovered they were only 11 and 13.

The 11-year-old was released to a guardian because he is too young to face criminal charges.

The older boy has been charged with theft of a motor vehicle and failing to have a licence.

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Alberta premier's sister expensed public for Tory party events: Docs

Fundraising fiasco.
Opposition leader calls for a larger investigation into executives with Alberta's health superboard

Alberta Premier Alison Redford speaks to reporters at the Alberta Progressive Conservative convention in Calgary on Nov. 10. BILL GRAVELAND/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Documents show the sister of Alberta Premier Alison Redford used her position as a health board executive to attend and hold Progressive Conservative party events on the taxpayers' dime.

There was money for liquor, travel, hotels, flowers and bug repellent.

Wildrose party Leader Danielle Smith, while releasing the documents Monday, said a bigger investigation is needed since Lynn Redford and those who signed off on those expenses remain executives with Alberta's health superboard.

"We've got the same people in positions today who exercised this lack of judgment, and they need to be called to account," Smith told a news conference at the legislature.

Smith said the case bridges the two scandals of health officials abusing their expense accounts — such as former Edmonton health region chief financial officer Allaudin Merali — with public institutions delivering government grant and operating money to the PC party.

"This connects with the broader story of repeated instances of illegal activity in giving donations to a partisan political party from taxpayer dollars," said Smith.

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Old news?

Premier Redford, appearing on CTV's political program Power Play, pointed out that the accusations go back to a time when Ralph Klein was premier and she wasn't even an elected MLA yet.

- **Clarification to come.** She suggested the criticism consists of a few "excited allegations" that will be clarified in the next few days.
- **Stand by your sister.** "I have confidence in my sister," she said.
- **FOI.** The Wildrose party obtained the documents under freedom of information rules. The papers pertain to Lynn Redford's spending while she was government relations adviser to the now-defunct Calgary Health Region from 2005 to 2008.

Generic OxyContin ban rejected by feds

Prescription pills containing oxycodone and acetaminophen are shown in this June 2012 photo. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The federal government has rejected provincial pleas to delay or deny approval of the generic form of OxyContin, a highly addictive painkiller that has been widely abused in many small towns and remote First Nations reserves.

Instead, Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq says Ottawa will tighten licensing rules so that distributors of oxycodone have to keep better track of where the drug goes. They will now need to report spikes in sales and changes in distribution patterns, in addition to previous responsibilities to report losses and theft.

Aglukkaq is also telling the provinces to use their own power over doctors and pharmacists to crack down on wayward prescriptions.

"Banning a generic version of one drug would do little to solve the actual problem," Aglukkaq said in a letter to provincial and territorial health ministers. "There are almost 100 authorized drugs in Canada that are in the very same class of drugs as OxyContin.

"Banning all these drugs because they have the potential to be addictive would help dry up the drug supply for addicts, but would lead to pain and suffering for patients who desperately need them."

Ontario Health Minister Deb Matthews has led a public campaign to pressure Ottawa to reject approval of generic oxycodone, saying failure to ban the drug would lead to a flood of the narcotic and a corresponding surge in addiction.

The generic version is set to win federal approval on Nov. 25, the day the patent expires on Purdue Pharma's OxyContin.

But the federal government has pushed back, saying a ban on the knock-off drug is too simplistic a response to a complex problem of prescription-drug abuse. Ottawa says it does not want to politicize a bureaucratic process that must automatically approve a drug if it is an exact copy of another brand-name drug that has already been approved.

"I do not believe that politicians should pick and choose which drugs get approved," the minister wrote. "While intentions may be noble in this circumstance, what stops future politicians from caving into public pressure and allowing unproven, unsafe drugs on the market once political pressure starts to mount?"

Aglukkaq also admonished provincial politicians for pumping up the benefits of OxyNeo — Purdue's new brand-name form of oxycodone that some believe is harder for addicts to abuse because it is not as easily crushed or injected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Religious festival

At least 14 dead, several injured after Indian stampede

At least 14 people were killed, including at least six children, in a stampede Monday night during a religious festival in the eastern state of Bihar, police said.

The stampede occurred as hundreds of Hindu worshippers gathered along the bank of the Ganges River in Patna to offer prayers to the sun god during the Chhath festival, according to police Superintendent Jayant Kant.

A power outage sparked panic as crowds filled a walkway leading from the riverbank into the Ganges, and people trampled one another as they fought to get to shore. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Abortion laws

Irish form panel to investigate woman's death

Ireland formed an expert panel Monday to investigate why an Indian woman died in an Irish hospital — and whether her life might have been saved had she received an abortion.

The case of Savita Halappanavar has focused worldwide attention on Ireland's two-decade failure to define when abortions can be performed legally to save the life of a woman.

The 31-year-old dentist died Oct. 28. Her widow says they asked for three days for an abortion to ease her pain but were refused because the fetus still had a heartbeat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vote of confidence

EU endorses new Syrian coalition

The newly formed Syrian opposition coalition received backing from the European Union on Monday in a significant vote of confidence for a movement struggling to prove its credibility and gain the trust of splintered factions.

The endorsement of the coalition as a legitimate voice for Syria's people represents a major step forward in the West's acceptance of the group, even as fast-moving events and fluid alliances are casting doubts on the direction of the rebellion.

"The EU considers them legitimate representatives of the aspirations of the Syrian people," the bloc's 27 ministers said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palestinian casualties continue to rise from Israeli missile strikes

Gaza strife. Hamas and Israel presenting ceasefire conditions to Egypt as diplomats worldwide join in to help broker peace

Israeli aircraft struck crowded areas in the Gaza Strip and killed a senior militant with a missile strike on a media centre Monday, driving up the Palestinian death toll to 100, as Israel broadened its targets in the six-day-old offensive meant to quell Hamas rocket fire on Israel.

Escalating its bombing campaign over the weekend, Israel began attacking homes of activists in Hamas, the Islamic militant group that rules Gaza. These attacks have led to a sharp spike in civilian casualties, killing 24 civilians in just under two days and doubling the number of civilians killed in the conflict, a Gaza health official said.

The rising toll came as Egyptian-led efforts to mediate a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas got into gear.

While Israel and Hamas were far apart in their demands, both sides said they were open to a diplomatic solution — and prepared for further escalation if that failed.

Casualties

- **Palestinians.** Overall, the offensive that began Wednesday killed at least 100 Palestinians, including 53 civilians, and wounded some 840 people, including 225 children, a Gaza heath official said.
- **Israelis.** On the Israeli side, three civilians have died from Palestinian rocket fire, and dozens have been wounded.

The leader of Hamas took a tough stance, rejecting Israel's demands that the militant group stop its rocket fire. Instead, Khaled Mashaal said Israel must meet Hamas' demands for a lifting of the blockade of Gaza.

"We don't accept Israeli conditions because it is the aggressor," he told reporters in Egypt. "We want a ceasefire along with meeting our demands."

An Israeli official said Israel doesn't want a "quick fix" that will result in renewed fighting months down the road. Instead, they wants "international guarantees" that Hamas will not rearm or use Egypt's neighbouring Sinai peninsula for militant activity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palestinians carry an injured man after an Israeli strike on a building in Gaza City, Monday. It was the Israeli military's second strike on the building in two days. The Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad says another Israeli strike on a Gaza media centre killed one of its top militant leaders. BERNAT ARMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Modern warfare

Israeli tech experts fending off hackers

A concerted effort of millions of attempts to cripple Israeli websites during the Gaza conflict has failed, Israel's finance minister said Monday, claiming that the only site that was successfully hacked was back up within minutes.

Cyber-security experts said that such hacking attempts have become a new aspect of modern-day warfare and states have to invest in fortifying their virtual defences on a battleground with vague terrain.

Israel regularly fights off hundreds of hacking attempts every day, but nothing on the scale of the recent torrent of attacks.

The online group Anonymous and other protesters have barraged Israel with more than 60 million hacking attempts, according to the finance minister, Yuval Steinitz. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FBI declassifies docs about Stalin's daughter

Soviet dictator Josef Stalin with his daughter Svetlana Alliluyeva. Newly declassified files show the FBI was gathering details from informants on how Alliluyeva's arrival in the United States was affecting international relations after her high-profile defection in 1967. COURTESY ICARUS FILMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newly declassified documents show the FBI kept close tabs on Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's only daughter after her high-profile defection to the United States in 1967, gathering details from informants about how her arrival was affecting international relations.

The documents were released Monday to The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act following Lana Peters' death last year at age 85 in a Wisconsin nursing home. Her defection during the Cold War embarrassed the ruling communists and made her a bestselling author. Her move was also a public relations coup for the U.S.

When she defected, Peters was known as Svetlana Alliluyeva, but she went by Lana Peters following her 1970 marriage to William Wesley Peters, an apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright. Peters said her defection was partly motivated by the Soviet authorities' poor treatment of her late husband, Brijesh Singh, a prominent figure in the Indian Communist Party.

George Kennan, a key figure in the Cold War and a former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, advised the FBI that he and Alliluyeva were concerned Soviet agents would try to contact her, a December 1967 memo reveals. The memo notes that no security arrangements were made for Peters, and no other documents in the file indicate that the KGB ever tracked her down.

Many of the 233 pages released were heavily redacted, with the FBI citing concerns related to foreign policy, revealing confidential sources and releasing medical or other information. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hoover

In one exchange, a person whose name was redacted wrote to then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, asking that he forward a letter on to "Joe Stalin's daughter."

- **Response.** The file contains Hoover's terse, three-sentence response denying his request, saying the FBI does not forward mail. "I trust you will understand," he wrote.

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Camping for Black Friday bargains

Denise Smith-Lad, left, asks her grandson Jordan Smith, 6, what he would like to eat as they camp in front of a Best Buy store in Cockrell Hill, Texas, on Monday. Smith and her family have come early to line up all week for the shopping deals available on Black Friday, the day after U.S. Thanksgiving. LM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BCE files new proposal to buy Astral Media

Telecom. After its last pitch was rejected, firm tries to address viewing shares 'from the CRTC's perspective'

BCE president and CEO George Cope is shown in this file photo. The company has put together a new proposal to buy Astral Media, after the CRTC turned down its last pitch. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

BCE Inc. expects that its new proposal to buy Astral Media will address the federal regulator's concern about the telecom giant dominating the television market.

Bell's chief regulatory officer Mirko Bibic wouldn't comment Monday on the possible sale of any radio or TV assets owned by Montreal's Astral to make the deal work. But Bibic said the new $3.38-billion proposal to buy Astral will address the CRTC's concern about market dominance.

"The proposal that we filed today will address the issue of viewing shares from the CRTC's perspective," Bibic said. "It's putting a package together that addresses the mechanical, numerical threshold the way the CRTC calculates it."

The CRTC killed the deal last month, saying it wasn't in the best interests of Canadians and would have resulted in an unprecedented level of concentration in the Canadian marketplace. The CRTC said if the multibillion-dollar deal had gone ahead, Bell would have controlled almost 45 per cent of the English TV viewership and almost 35 per cent of the French-language market.

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Two-week hearing

As it seeks licence renewals, CBC wants flexibility

The CBC is asking the federal broadcast regulator for more flexibility as it grapples with the new digital universe.

The strict regulatory shackles of the past don't work in today's fast-moving environment, CBC president Hubert Lacroix told a Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission hearing Monday. For instance, young people are shunning television sets for computers, a shift that has prompted the CBC to move its children's programming online.

The broadcaster is seeking five-year licence renewals for its various television and radio services. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mortgage rules hit new buyers too hard, brokers tell Ottawa

Canada's mortgage brokers say recent changes to federal rules have taken too big a bite out of an already cooling housing market and they suggest policymakers should address the needs of their industry.

The Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals says a survey of 2,000 consumers in October, conducted on CAAMP's behalf, suggests that first-time buyers have been hard hit by the tighter mortgage rules.

"We worry that this is having a dampening effect on what was an already cooling market and we hope policy-makers will give some thought to addressing the needs of this key sector of the market," association president and CEO Jim Murphy said in a statement.

CAAMP chief economist Will Dunning said the smaller number of first-time buyers has already affected the resale market.

"The housing-resale numbers behave like a canary in the mine for us," Dunning said. "My concern is that a policy-induced housing market downturn creates unnecessary risk that directly affects not just housing, but job creation and the economy as a whole."

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has said the new rules were intended to deal with overpriced real-estate in certain cities and certain types of housing. He has said the tighter mortgage rules reduce the risk of buyers taking on too much debt.

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Impact of mortgage rules

- The semi-annual report from the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals found that about 17 per cent of high-ratio mortgages funded in 2010 cannot be funded today, including 11 per cent of prospective high-ratio homebuyers who can't qualify under the new 25-year amortization rule.

5.5 million works

Google inks European-music licensing deal

Google Inc. has reached a licensing agreement with representatives of European music publishers, artists and composers in which the U.S. online giant and its customers will gain access to 5.5 million musical works across 35 countries from artists including Lady Gaga and Rihanna.

The accord with Armonia, the alliance of French, Italian and Spanish licensing groups, is billed as the broadest of its kind.

Catherine Kerr-Vignale of France' SACEM, an artists' rights association, said Google's rivals, such as Amazon and Apple's iTunes, have country-by-country licensing agreements. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hostess bankruptcy

Twinkies haven't struck out just yet

Twinkies will live to see another day. Hostess Brands Inc. and its second-largest union agreed on Monday to try to resolve their differences after a bankruptcy court judge noted that the parties hadn't gone through the critical step of private mediation.

That means the maker of the spongy cake with the mysterious cream filling won't go out of business yet.

The news comes after the Texas-based maker of Ho Ho's, Ding Dongs and Wonder Bread last week moved to liquidate and sell off its assets in bankruptcy court. Hostess cited a crippling strike started on Nov. 9 by the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIGILANTISM AND JERK-SHAMING ON THE WEB

SHE SAYS...
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One of the best things about the Internet is also one of the worst: anonymity. Sadly, much of the web has become a place for inconspicuous individuals to hurl racist/homophobic/misogynistic statements into the ether without any regard for what the consequences might be once they step away from the keyboard.

But as younger generations care less and less about privacy, the barriers between real life identities and our online selves are eroding and it's becoming harder to hide behind the veil of assumed anonymity. As a result, waves of new digital vigilantes are working to expose online trolls and make them accountable for their vitriol spewing.

What not to say online

"Internet users have re-appropriated the word faggot as a casual insult and use it with thoughtless abandon."

Earlier this month, a Canadian man created a You Hate Faggots Tumblr page in response to the proliferation of homophobic language on the web. "The hatred is rampant and in most cases the people don't even know what they're doing or saying is wrong," he says. "Faggot as a pejorative has become about as common as 'your mama' jokes." Internet users have re-appropriated the word faggot as a casual insult and use it with thoughtless abandon.

The creator behind You Hate Faggots publishes ignorant tweeters' names and photos alongside his own snarky commentary to highlight the de-contextualization of the word. "By using parody to illustrate the wrongness in using the term incorrectly, I want to show that there is a relationship between faggot and gay, whether the user understands it or not," he says.

South of the border, the writers at Jezebel took web justice into their own hands by broadcasting a list of teenage Twitter users' contact information and hometowns alongside their racist rants regarding the presidential election. Taking the crusade one step further, the blog then outed the opinionated high school students to their principals and administrators.

Some criticized Jezebel's actions as a form of cyber-bullying — these were minors after all — while others praised the blog for making young people understand that online bigotry, however offhanded it might be, can have tangible repercussions.

For the creator of You Hate Faggots, naming and shaming prejudiced Internet users isn't about ruining lives, but exposing the issues. "The intentions are not to troll," he says, "the objective has always been to create awareness."

Call it what you will — the naive indiscretions of youth or deep-seeded intolerance — but if you are old enough to own a cellphone and arrogant enough to share hateful opinions from an account boasting your real identity, I'm not going to feel too sorry for you if it comes back to haunt you when you start applying for colleges or begin looking for a job.

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Sites such as You Hate Faggots and Jezebel publicly shame homophobes and racists. METRO

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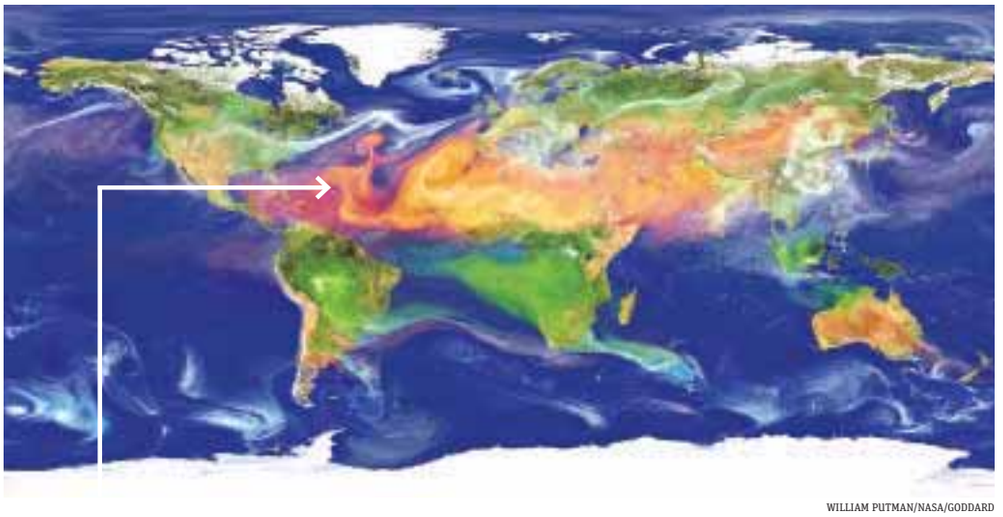

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Earth photography

Earth's swirling gases revealed

This astonishing image from a NASA supercomputer highlights the presence of aerosols in the Earth's atmosphere.

The Goddard Earth Observing System Model version 5 (GEOS-5) can show worldwide weather at up to 3.5 kilometre resolution (pictured: 10 kilometre) as part of climate science research.

The image processing takes place in Greenbelt, Md., at the NASA Center for Climate Simulation at Goddard Space Flight Center.

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Element guide

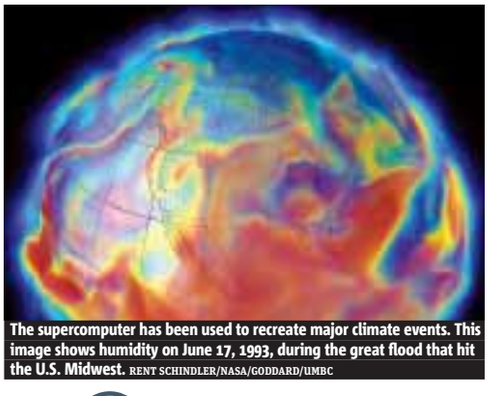
The aerosol patterns by colour:

- **Red.** Dust that has risen from the Earth's surface.
- **Blue.** Sea-salt swirls seen inside cyclones.
- **Green.** Smoke rising from fires.
- **White.** Sulphate particles from volcanoes and fossil fuel emissions.
- **Website:** For the latest on NASA's many endeavours, visit nasa.gov.

How an image is created

Facts on the supercomputer that generated the image:

- **Supercomputer's superpower.** The Discover supercomputer is located at NASA's Center for Climate Simulation. It totals nearly 15,000 processors with a peak performance of nearly 160 trillion operations per second. That's 900 times the speed of the standard Intel Core processor in your PC.
- **Time scale projections.** Discover-hosted simulations span time scales from days (weather prediction) to seasons and years (short-term climate prediction) to decades and centuries (climate change projection).
- **Weather year predicted.** NASA scientists hope the imaging techniques of the supercomputer will allow them to project weather and climatological forecasts well into the future — as far as the year 2100.



The supercomputer has been used to recreate major climate events. This image shows humidity on June 17, 1993, during the great flood that hit the U.S. Midwest. RENT SCHINDLER/NASA/GODDARD/UMBC

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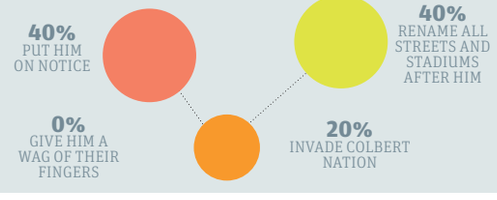

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@prairiegirlsk: If you are new to #SK or #yqr you really should try to take in #Agribition this week. It is an interesting agricultural experience!

@TheGeekCooks: Regina, your lack of burritos disturbs me. #yqr #burritos

@winks_21: Even though #stamps and #argos are in #greycup2012. I bet there will be more #riders jerseys in Toronto than the teams participating!

@Kirkwood8: Seriously considered skipping a week of school to head back to sasky for agribition :(#HomeSweetHome #MiniDonuts

@TheEconomist22: My biggest take away from #ndpldr debate? They all want to impose massive tax hikes... And I havnt the slightest idea what for #skpoli

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DVD review

The Expendables 2

Director. Simon West

Stars. Sylvester Stallone, Liam Hemsworth, Randy Couture

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Stallone's Expendables have all reached the age where they're as likely to reach for the Botox as for the testosterone supplements, and they're not trying very hard to hide it. Especially since the success of their first film proved the enduring popularity of action heroes in their 50s and 60s, all the more so when you cram so much muscle into a single movie. The pumped-up pack has a couple of noteworthy additions (Jean-Claude Van Damme and Chuck Norris) and subtractions (Mickey Rourke and Steve Austin), plus enlarged cameos (Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis) and returning mainstays (Stallone, Jason Statham, Dolph Lundgren, Jet Li, Terry Crews and Randy Couture). There's also the obligatory tough girl, the code-breaking and neck-snapping hottie Maggie (Yu Nan). The plot can be summed up in Barney's answer to his slicing sidekick Lee Christmas (Statham), when he's asked, "What's the plan?" Barney snarls: "Track 'em. Find 'em. Kill 'em." At no point does anybody take any of this seriously, even when the inevitable showdown occurs between Stallone and Van Damme.

PETER HOWELL

Suraj Sharma had never acted before his role in Life of Pi. The film opens Wednesday. HANDOUT

Life of why: Actor sets sights on philosophy

From student to star. Ang Lee isn't just a director, he's a guru. Pi lead Suraj Sharma talks about how Lee changed his life

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

Suraj Sharma is pretty much your average student. He's polite, well-spoken and majoring in philosophy this year. He also just starred in the new epic 3D film by Ang Lee and counts the venerated director as a close friend and teacher. Sharma had never acted before he took on the title role in Life of Pi — he was selected out of thousands of non-professional actors auditioning for the part. Playing a young man adrift at sea, Sharma lost weight, gained weight, befriended a tiger named Richard Parker and learned to fish.

Along the way, he tells us, the film changed him into the man he is today.

What path were you on before this movie happened and where do you see things going now?

Before the movie I didn't really know what to do. I was in school and I was, I would say, lost … Luckily enough (director Ang Lee) picked me up, and took me to Taiwan. Over there, I changed as a person. I realized more about myself, more about everything. Working with Ang changes you, I guess. Before Pi I was really a bad student. I didn't do very well in school at all, ever, and I came back and I changed in a million ways. … I did surprisingly well in school. I didn't even know how. Suddenly I was getting like 94 per cent and stuff like that and ... now in college I'm doing philosophy, so things really changed.

Did the movie inspire you to choose philosophy?

Oh yeah. I think Ang and Pi got to me. Lying on that board and talking to Ang, you kind of start thinking on those lines, you start thinking about things, because Pi himself is this kid who asks questions like, 'What is life?' He is into philosophy of his own kind and Ang himself has a really complex philosophy, which comes through when you talk to him. ... Eventually I want to be a filmmaker, so I guess philosophy will help me in that way.

Some actors in your position might say, "Forget school and do acting full-time."

I don't know about the acting. I don't know whether I want to act professionally much. It's daunting. It's scary and it's different. I want to be a filmmaker. I want to tell stories. … I love acting now and the life (of an actor) is hard and it's different. I don't know if I'm equipped for it, but I'd like being on set. I think that's the most inspiring part of movies — just being on set. The intensity with which everybody works, 300 people just working, working, working for something maybe even three seconds long. (There are) different skills, different ideas, different backgrounds, everything just comes together and you make something and you make someone's imagination come to life.

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Kristen Stewart ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Stewart signs on for second Snow White, sans Sanders

Kristen Stewart has reportedly signed on to star in the sequel to Snow White and the Huntsman — though the second film in the franchise won't be directed by Rupert Sanders, with whom Stewart infamously had an affair this summer, according to Radar Online. "The script has already been written and production will begin late next year," a source close to the production says. "However, Rupert Sanders definitely won't be a part of the project. Rupert didn't want to be a part of it to begin with because he is desperately still trying to save his marriage. The search is on for a new director."

Justin Bieber

Bieber addresses the 'haters' with mom at side

Justin Bieber may be newly single, but that didn't mean he had to attend the American Music Awards solo. Instead, the 18-year-old Canadian pop star showed up with his mom, 38-year-old Pattie Mallette. While he made no mention of his split from Selena Gomez, Bieber did address his critics after winning his first award of the night, for favourite pop/rock male artist. "I want to say this is for all the haters who thought I was just here for one of two years," Bieber said from the stage. "I feel like I'm going to be here for a very long time."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Rihanna reveals nothing, journo streaker reveals all

Rihanna's 777 tour — in which she's travelling to seven cities in seven days, with a plane full of fans and journalists — reached London Monday morning, the second to last stop. But there was no sign of the superstar on the plane from Berlin. "Just one quote," chanted desperate reporters, begging Rihanna to appear.

Then things got a little Lord of the Flies. Australian Tim Dormer, a radio presenter at Nova in Sydney, decided if he wasn't going to get a story, he'd become one: After 3 a.m., he suddenly burst from the toilet — completely naked. With his long curls bouncing, he made a quick tour of economy class wearing nothing but his birthday suit. The audience cheered.

Since Rihanna wasn't around to talk to anyone, we asked the streaker:

What were you thinking?
I was bored. It was three in the morning and we were on a plane and we've been on a plane for the past five days. I thought it would be fun. And it wasn't an easy task either; I had to dive over people.

Did you plan the whole thing?
No, I was just in the bathroom and thought it would be a fun thing.

How many will see this on YouTube, do you think?
Five maybe? My mom, my dad, my gran, my boss and hopefully Rihanna.

Did you run all the way up to her?
No, I didn't get that far.

How do you find the trip so far?
I'm having the time of my life. I saw her the first day and I see her on stage every night.

TO SEE A VIDEO OF THE STREAKER, VISIT METRONEWS.CA/SCENE

Kate Middleton and Prince William

Is a royal bundle of joy on the way?

A close friend of Prince William and Kate Middleton insists the royal couple is set to announce something big next month, prompting speculation that a baby is on the way. "They're planning to make an announcement in December," Jessica Hay, a former schoolmate of Middleton's and a guest at their wedding, tells New Idea magazine, adding that the Duchess of Cambridge has gained a bit of weight recently and that "William and Kate are focused on starting a family." How focused, exactly? They've apparently already discussed the number of children they want to have — two — and that they'd prefer a son and then a daughter. "It seems very traditional but of course they'll be happy with two boys or two girls. They don't want more," Hay says. "They've discussed it endlessly and don't want to be older parents."

Twitter

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You want real advice, straight with no chasers and not sugar coated? Call a #Capricorn.

@chriscolfer
For the record, we're filming at a fancy engineering college and I hacked into the lecture hall computer to play honey badger on the screen.

@NiallOfficial
Good morning everyone! Was an early start today ! Tired

@samantharonson
"Work is the curse of the drinking class."
Oscar Wilde

Jamie Oliver's 15-minute meals

Healthy eating. Forget the microwave and take-out, the celebrity chef talks about how to make a fantastic meal in record time

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Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver has released a new book to help you in the kitchen. HANDOUT

You keep reducing the time of your recipe books. Why?
People are so time poor. But I promise I won't be doing time again.

But why 15 minutes? Why not 10?
If you want a proper meal fast, 15 minutes is the minimum you can do. It's the hardest book I've ever written because I wanted it to be an everyday cookbook that was healthy, nutritious and fast.

Some of the recipes are a bit fancy. I can't picture students cooking griddled tuna. Who is the book aimed at?
Everyone. From a culinary point of view, the world is a much smaller place. People are much more travelled and more read than they were 15 years ago and the stuff available in supermarkets is more robust. And they still want it fast.

Microwave meals are a pretty quick solution too...
Microwave food has became synonymous with shit food. But there's also a lot of high quality stuff. It's just never going to be amazing.

I tried one of your recipes the other night. The ricotta fritters. I'm a disaster in the kitchen. It ended up looking like a cheese omelette. But it tasted good.
You ended up with an omelette when you were supposed to do fritters. What the hell did you do?

I tried to flip them over... and made a mess.
The fritters take about one minute to make and six minutes to cook. I don't know what went wrong … do what the recipes says and it will work. I wish I could have seen it. I'd put money on the fact you used the wrong sized pan and put them too close together.

Busted!

"You ended up with an omelette when you were supposed to do fritters? What the hell did you do?"
Jamie Oliver, author of 15 Minute Meals

What are the biggest mistakes people make in the kitchen?
You don't need 100 knives, just three of the right ones — a chopper, paring and a bread knife. The book isn't trying to be your best friend. It's like, "You want tasty fast food? Here's the f–king rules. Do what you're told."

After a long and exhausting day at work, do you sometimes think, "F--k this, I'm going to McDonald's."
I don't normally get caught out. Although I'm famous for hating junk food, I'm not anti any kind of food. I've got nothing against a hot dog, a burger or a pizza. It's more about real food. I do the most amazing free-range pig hot dogs with slaw, home made ketchup and buns that's bloody delicious. But if ever you're in London and want a kebab, there's a place called Kebab Kid on New Kings Road that's delicious.

Would you ever eat at McDonald's?
I haven't eaten a McDonald's in 10 years.

Yours in just 15 minutes. HANDOUT

What did you eat?
A Big Mac.

If I offered you a Big Mac right now, would you eat it?
I would. McDonald's are probably the best big fast food operator in Britain. They've done a lot of good work on their beef, their 100 per cent organic milk and free-range eggs. You can't just beat people up all the time and not pat them on the back for the good stuff they've done.

You have one minute to make a meal; what do you do?
Grab a bit of bread and some lovely ham or cheese.

Five minutes?
Some fettuccine. Use boiling water and it cooks in three minutes. Then add a few simple ingredients to that.

But your next book won't be about time.
Time is a small element of many different emotions to cooking. You can do five minutes work and something can cook for four hours.

So what's next?
100 per cent vegetarian — making massive heroes out of the things that we don't eat enough of. The craft of making vegetables utterly delicious is one that's just not known about enough. At least 65 per cent of my recipes are meat-free, the index is covered in V's, but the feedback I get from vegetarians is, "Yeah, cool, but we'd like our own book please." I've ignored it for years.

Heaven vs. hell

Hey Jamie — what's cooking?

We ask the chef about his favourite meals: Jamie's food heaven vs. food hell.
Heaven: "A lovely home cooked family roast dinner with all the trimmings made by my mum."
Hell: "A precocious, pretentious Michelin star meal with stuff balanced everywhere, hanging everywhere, drizzled everywhere and that doesn't taste very good. Just the fact that someone has had to touch your food to get it in that position is just … I'm much more about lovely rustic food."

New ingredients

Rose petal harissa. Delicious in dressings, marinades and rubs

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Preserved lemons. They completely transform stews, couscous and rice dishes

Kitchen essentials

Jamie's top picks

1. Olive oil
2. Lemon
3. Chili

Use your imagination to personalize Pita Chips

This recipe serves four. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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Store-bought pita chips are deep fried, which increases their calories and fat content.

The spices in this recipe add flavour instead of oil. Feel free to substitute spices of your choice. Try a variety of different coloured and flavoured tortillas. The whole wheat version has more fibre and nutrients.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Ingredients

Perp time: 5 minutes
Bake time: 12 minutes

- 3 large flour tortillas
- 3 tbsp finely grated Parmesan cheese
- pinch of salt and pepper
- pinch of paprika
- pinch of garlic powder
- pinch of onion powder

Nutritional analysis

Per serving (about 6 chips)

- **191 calories; 6.5 g protein; 28 g carbohydrates; 2.5 g fibre; 5.6 g total fat; 1.9 g saturated fat; 4 mg cholesterol; 419 mg sodium**

Line a large baking sheet (or 2 medium baking sheets) with foil.

2. Slice each tortilla into 8 wedges. Arrange the wedges on the baking sheet, not overlapping. Lightly coat with cooking spray.

3. Combine the Parmesan, salt, pepper, paprika and garlic and onion powders in a small bowl. Sprinkle the seasoning evenly over the tortillas and bake for 12 minutes, or just until lightly browned.

ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

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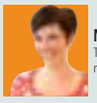

NUTRI-BITES
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Did someone just sneeze on you? Quick! Wash your hands and grab one of these immune foods. Nothing boosts your immune system like a healthy diet that avoids excess sugar, alcohol, bad fats and depleted white wheat, so start there first. Beyond that, there are nutrients that your body uses as tools to be sure it can fight off whatever comes flying at you this cold and flu season.

1. Probiotics

There is growing evidence that probiotics contribute to immunity in a variety of ways. Try new IOGO brand Probio Yogurt for a lactose-free version that is very tasty

2. Catechins

Green tea boasts one of the best anti-bacterial properties under study. Shoot for a couple cups daily.

3. Vitamin D

Canadians won't get strong enough sunshine from now to about April. There's a good dose in caviar; try the Greek dip called taramasalata that uses fish roe to make a yummy dip for your (whole grain) pita.

4. Vitamin E

A potent antioxidant that is best taken from food. Sunflower and pumpkin seeds are good sources.

5. Vitamin C

Still your best go to source for overall immunity. Get as much as you can from fresh fruits, kiwi is particularly high.

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All the tastiness of candy apples in a smaller package

1. Heat the oven to 250 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. Using a mandoline, food processor or very sharp knife, cut the apple into very thin slices, about 1/8 inch thick. There are several ways to do this. If you have an apple corer, you can simply cut out the core, then lay the apple on its side and slice starting at one side and working your way to the other. If you don't have a corer, stand the apple upright, then begin on one side and cut slices until you reach the core. Rotate the apple and repeat until all 4 sides have been sliced.

3. Arrange the apple slices on the prepared baking sheet, being careful not to overlap. Sprinkle the apples with cinnamon, then bake for 45 minutes, or until dried and slightly crisp. Slide the parchment and apples off the baking sheet and onto a cooling rack. Let cool completely.

This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCAITED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 large apple
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- Half of a 14-oz package caramel candies, unwrapped
- 1 tbsp water
- 1/2 cup white chocolate bits
- 1 tsp shortening
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate candy melts

4. Once the apples have cooled, in a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the caramels and water. Heat, stirring constantly, until melted and smooth. Dunk a fork into the caramel, then use it to drizzle the caramel over the apple chips. Set aside to let the caramel set.

5. When caramel has set, place white chocolate bits and shortening in microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high in 15-second bursts, stirring between, until melted and smooth. Using a clean fork, repeat the drizzling similar to the caramel. Set aside to let the white chocolate set.

6. Once the white chocolate has set, melt the dark chocolate candy melts in a clean bowl using the same method as the white chocolate. Once melted, dunk a clean fork in the melted chocolate and drizzle over the apple chips. Let cool until the chocolate is set. Store in an airtight container for up to a week.

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Bavarian Cheese Spread.

1. In food processor fitted with blade attachment, combine cream cheese, semi-soft cheese, cheddar cheese, onion, paprika, caraway seeds and pepper; blend and pulse for 2 to 3 minutes or until completely smooth, scraping down bowl occasionally.

2. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour (and up to 2 days) for flavours to blend. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FOODLAND ONTARIO**

Ingredients

- Half 250 g container light deli-style cream cheese (15 per cent M.F.), room temperature
- 125 g (4 oz) semi-soft or creamy cheese such as Oka-style "washed-rind" or brie-type style, rinds removed (about 250 ml/1 cup), room temperature
- 125 g (4 oz) old white cheddar, grated (about 250 ml/1 cup), room temperature
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) smoked paprika
- 5 ml (1 tsp) caraway seeds
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Employers probably still want you to be clean and reasonably well-groomed. ISTOCK IMAGES

Branding yourself: What do employers really want?

Alison on Money. What are companies looking for when they're searching out the best and brightest young workers?

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Last week, I read a fascinating article about big corporations such as Telus and SNC Lavalin moving all or part of their head offices to downtown Toronto in order to attract the best and the brightest to their company.

However, it is considerably more expensive than locating in the suburbs.

So what is the reason for this trend? The answer is all about demographic culture.

Youth today is different than it was a generation or two ago, just as employment is different.

Many of our parents worked at the same job their entire lives. This isn't likely to be very common in the future.

Increasingly, under-40 employees don't want to spend their lives commuting and they desire a vibrant, downtown lifestyle. They're also the first generation since Henry Ford that isn't wedded to the automobile.

These changes got me thinking about what companies are looking for when they're searching out the best and brightest, because it has a big impact on how younger workers should present and educate themselves over the course of their careers.

Here's a peek at the corporate wish list.

1. Traditional virtues still hold

Your style may be to look like a tattooed, studded wolverine, but employers still want you to be a clean and reasonably well-groomed tattooed, studded wolverine.

Also promptness, politeness, the ability to converse and demonstrate a modicum of organizational skills are still important qualities.

2. Technology

You don't need to be a computer expert unless you intend to run the IT department, but you do need to be competent enough to make connections between the newest technology and your company.

3. Networking

Companies increasingly value the networks that employees bring with them.

Networks add tangible value by giving the company access to resources, people and ideas.

4. Language

By 2031 Statistics Canada projects that over a quarter of Canadians will be foreign born with visible minorities comprising 63 per cent in Toronto, 59 in Vancouver and 31 per cent in Montreal.

Knowledge of other languages and cultures is highly desirable.

Knowing what companies want and educating yourself accordingly raises the odds of being considered among the best and the brightest in the coming downtown corporate culture.

In numbers

47%

The number of second generation Canadians who will belong to a visible minority by 2031.

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Rest in peace

Farewell to the admirable Mrs. Letitia Baldrige

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Today I would like to pay homage to the late Letitia Baldrige, a dear lady who I've admired for many years. I've read most of her books and have even had the honour of interviewing her.

Mrs. Baldrige, known as the doyenne of American etiquette, passed away on Oct. 29. She was most known for her time working in the White House during the Kennedy administration as Jacqueline Kennedy's social secretary.

One of my favourite quotes from Mrs. Baldrige, known as Tish to her family and friends, involves her philosophy on life.

"There are major CEO's who do not know how to hold a knife and fork properly, but I don't worry about that as much as the lack of kindness," she said. "There are two generations of people who have not learned how important it is to take time to say, 'I'm sorry' and, 'Please' and, 'Thank you' and how people must relate to one another."

I'm very sad that we have lost this wonderful person, who believed in so many good things — the most important of them being that she believed in people.

You see, for those of you who follow both my column and philosophy of etiquette, I believe it's all about how we interact with each other that matters. The best thing about etiquette is that it puts us all at ease to know what is expected of others so that we always put our best foot forward.

God bless you, Tish. You are missed already and I will put myself in front of a roaring fire tonight and enjoy one of your books with a glass of wine in your memory.

Mrs. Baldrige sits to the right of then U.S. first lady Laura Bush. GETTY IMAGE

How to avoid an office dating disaster

Delicate matter. Try to foresee the fallout and do the relevant research prior to announcing any new work relationship

JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

Though the latest news scandal involves high-ranking officials, keep in mind that the broad strokes of the Gen. Petraeus affair are not unlike typical office flings. Even if your transgressions won't make headlines, romance at work can be a dicey move if not properly handled. Learn to manage this delicate situation — because even if you can't resist taking your chances with the cutie in accounting, you can minimize the fallout. Before announcing your new beau, research your company's policy on the matter. "Don't date anyone at work if your employment contract forbids it. Your job will clearly be on the line with such a violation," says author Wendy Walsh, a contributor to Dating-advice.com.

If you do move forward, think about what the end of the relationship might be like. Nancy A. Shenker, co-author of Don't Hook Up With the Dude in the Next Cube, says, "Think about what will happen after a breakup. It's hard enough seeing an ex on Facebook — how will it feel to see him or her in person every day?"

If you're an employer who notices an office affair, know how to approach it. "Have a policy," suggests Todd Ewan, a partner at Fisher & Phillips law firm, which represents management in workplace disputes. "The employer will need to determine what it is willing to tolerate and not willing to tolerate. As a base point, most employers do not want to let a relationship exist between two employees if one of the employees has direct managerial responsibility for the other."

Quoted

"Don't date anyone at work if your employment contract forbids it."

Author Wendy Walsh.

Make sure he or she is worth it and try to have some foresight before you launch into that office romance. ISTOCK

FINALS FOCUS

FORMULATE A PLAN WHEN PREPARING FOR YOUR EXAMS

WAVEBREAK MEDIA/THINKSTOCK

Final exams can sneak up on post-secondary students, so experts suggest taking the red leaves of fall as a red flag that it's time to hit the books.

Naomi Deren, manager of the Student Success Centre at the University of Regina, says if you are short on time cutting classes is a bad way to grab a few more hours. You are more likely to fall further behind in your effort to get ahead.

"Keep on top of your reading and class notes," she advises.

Visit your student centre for help improving your skills at studying, managing your time and writing exams. Deren urges students to create a study plan. That involves looking at your exam schedule, figuring out what work needs to be done and setting out a concrete calendar of when you will do each bit of work.

Deren says it's also a good time to look back to mid-terms. If you struggled with something then, now is the time to fix it. "Exams will be here before you know it."

Most colleges and universities open winter registration at this time of year and the sooner you register, the better your chances of getting your dream schedule.

Deren says you can use the winter break to set academic goals such as when you want to graduate, what marks you want to get, and what you want to do post-graduation.

"Then it's easier to do planning and manage time," she explains.

Ben Harrison, a fourth-year journalism student at the University of King's College in Halifax, says the main problem he has encountered in the run-up to finals is content overload.

"From September to December, there is so much that you learn that it's really difficult to retain all of the material," he says.

– Jon Tattrie

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SPORTS 4

Selig signs off on Jays-Marlins trade

MLB. Naming new skipper is next up on Toronto GM Anthopoulos's to-do list

The Blue Jays, flush with the knowledge that Major League Baseball has OK'd the club's controversial trade with Miami, are poised to name their new manager.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig approved the 12-player Jays-Marlins trade on Monday after a longer-than-usual review. Jays fans — relieved by the news and excited about the loaded, revamped lineup — can now turn their attention to the managerial hiring. GM Alex Anthopoulos, the talk of the baseball world and the Toronto sports scene, even during Grey Cup week, has been hinting that an announcement is near — perhaps as early as Tuesday, when Anthopoulos has a press conference scheduled to discuss the Marlins deal.

It's also possible that the managerial decision will happen closer to baseball's winter meetings, which start Dec. 1 in Nashville, to steer clear of Grey Cup week.

Interestingly, word out of Boston, where John Farrell is now posted in his dream job as manager, is that the Red Sox could have made a similar deal with the Marlins, but elected not to.

Selig took a week to approve the deal — sending Josh Johnson, Mark Buehrle, Jose Reyes, John Buck and Emilio Bonifacio to the Jays for Yunel Escobar, Henderson Alvarez, Adeiny Hechavarria, Jeff Mathis and three top prospects.

New Blue Jays pitchers Josh Johnson and Mark Buehrle watch a game against the Yankees on April 1 at Marlins Park.
MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Cabrera deal made official

On Monday, the Blue Jays signed free agent left-fielder Melky Cabrera. The 28-year-old was leading the National League in hitting at .346 for the San Francisco Giants when he was suspended Aug. 15 for a positive testosterone test. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marlins fans believed Reyes and Buehrle were signed last winter to revitalize the team as a playoff contender as the franchise moved into a new ballpark — built in part with a multimillion-dollar Miami tax fund that Selig pushed for.

Instead, the Marlins, having already dealt former batting champion Hanley Ramirez and ex-closer Heath Bell during the season, dumped $163.75 million in guaranteed salary through 2018.

"It is my conclusion that this transaction, involving established major leaguers and highly regarded young players and prospects, represents the exercise of plausible baseball judgment on the part of both clubs, does not violate any express rule of Major League Baseball and does not otherwise warrant the exercise of any of my powers to prevent its completion," Selig said in a statement.

"I am sensitive to the concerns of the fans of Miami regarding this trade, and I understand the reactions I have heard. Baseball is a social institution with important social responsibilities, and I fully understand that the Miami community has done its part to put the Marlins into a position to succeed with a beautiful new Marlins Park."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MLS

Beckham's time with Galaxy coming to an end

David Beckham will play his final game for the Los Angeles Galaxy in the MLS Cup next month.

Beckham and the Galaxy announced the midfielder's decision Monday, a day after the defending MLS champions advanced to their second straight league final. Los Angeles faces Houston on Dec. 1.

Beckham isn't retiring, but the superstar gave no hint of his next move.

"I've had an incredibly special time playing for the L.A. Galaxy," Beckham said in a statement. "However, I wanted to experience one last challenge before the end of my playing career. I don't see this as the end of my relationship with the league, as my ambition is to be part of the ownership structure in the future."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Source says Pats' Gronkowski out 4-6 weeks

No more end-zone spikes for a while from Rob Gronkowski.

A person familiar with the process said Monday the New England Patriots tight end expects to be sidelined for four to six weeks after having surgery for a broken left forearm. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because there was no official announcement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Saints' Brees to pledge $1M to Sandy recovery

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees says he is donating $1 million to Superstorm Sandy relief efforts. Brees told CBS's Person to Person in an interview to air Friday that the donation will come through the Dream Foundation he runs with his wife, Brittany. He did not say who will be receiving the donation.

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Saints quarterback Drew Brees
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CFL

Weighty wager for Grey Cup mayors

The Argonauts and the Stampeders aren't the only ones with bragging rights on the line in the upcoming Grey Cup championship.

The mayors of Toronto and Calgary — the two teams' respective hometowns — are also getting in on the action.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi proposed a friendly wager that would see the losing city's mayor donating his weight in food to the winning city's food bank.

The loser would also wear the winning team's jersey for a council meeting. Nenshi issued the challenge to Toronto Mayor Rob Ford on Twitter. Hours later, Ford tweeted acceptance, adding the Calgary mayor would "look great in Argo blue!"

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL negotiations get some fresh perspectives

It was a different crew — new faces, perhaps with new ideas — scheduled for NHL talks Monday night in New York.

Toronto Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke and Tampa Bay Lightning players Vincent Lecavalier and Martin St. Louis were on hand on as the sides resumed negotiations in an attempt to save the season.

Adding fresh perspectives might be a good idea given the bad blood that's been boiling as the lockout continues — longer than perhaps either side expected — costing untold millions in revenue and salary.

"It's horrific for the simple reason that we, as a business, are in business to put on our game and engage with our fans and to grow our game," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman told the Winnipeg Free Press. "This entire process is absolutely inconsistent with that. Having said that, any sports league needs a system that works and makes the game and the business of the game healthy."

Quoted

"I believe in the players. I don't believe in what's going on right now. It's part of the business of the game, the least attractive part of the game."

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman in an interview with the Winnipeg Free Press

Bettman has been an easy target for the players' frustration. A pair of ex-Leafs had harsh words for the commissioner in the past few days.

The Florida Panthers' Kris Versteeg called Bettman and deputy Bill Daly "cancers" who have "been polluting this game far too long." That was on the heels of the Detroit Red Wings' Ian White calling Bettman an "idiot."

In a rarity during these contentious talks, Bettman allowed himself to be interviewed by Gary Lawless of the Winnipeg Free Press. Winnipeg, thanks to the return of the Jets, may have been the only city in Canada where Bettman heard cheers last year.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If what you are doing with your life is not to your liking then change it. The Sun's move into Sagittarius tomorrow will encourage you to head off in a completely new direction. What are you waiting for?

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Even if your money situation is dismal, things will improve dramatically over the next few days so don't despair. An improved outlook might help as well. There are more important things in life to worry about than cash.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The Sun crosses the partnership angle of your chart tomorrow, making it essential that you get along with people on a one-to-one level. Think of everyone you meet as your friend — and you will benefit in remarkable ways.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If there is anything strenuous that needs to be done, you should get it out of the way today because when the Sun moves into the wellbeing area of your chart tomorrow, you probably won't be up to it. Get going.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
By all means, be active but look ahead a few moves as well. It will spare you a lot of setbacks and maybe a few cuts and bruises too. And try to be patient with people who move more slowly than you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
No matter how fit you may feel right now, the exertions of the past few weeks will catch up with you quite quickly. Plan a few quiet evenings in with loved ones. They will appreciate it — and so will you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The cosmic picture is beginning to change and by the end of the week you will be getting out and about and meeting new people. Friendships and love affairs are under excellent stars — just don't get them mixed up!

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have done a lot in recent weeks and can feel proud of yourself, but over the next few days you will have to work even harder to safeguard your gains. The price of success is eternal vigilance.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Clear out all that is old and worthless in your life so there is room for bigger and better things to come in. That applies to people as much as to possessions. Your own needs must come first now.

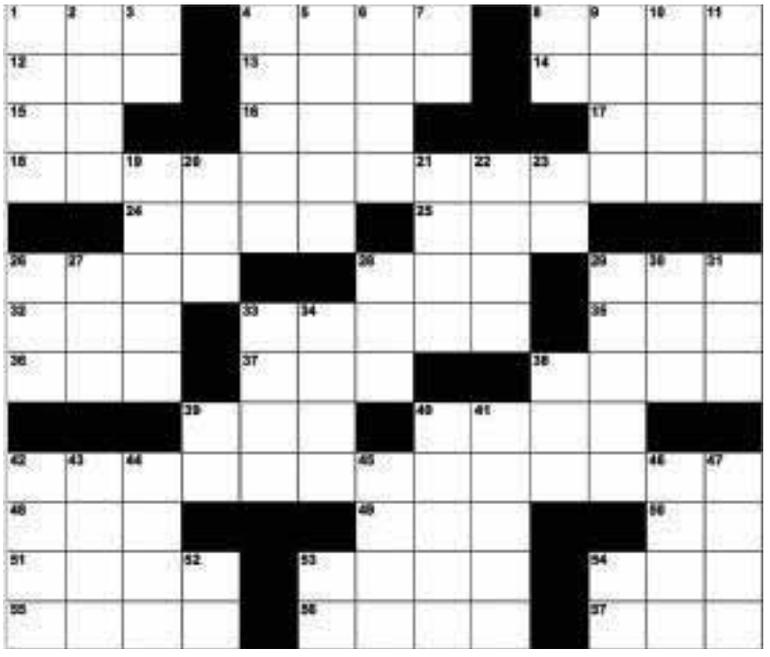
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The next few weeks are going to be of the utmost importance. Think about what you want to be doing from the time of your next birthday for the following 12 months. How can you prepare the ground? Start now.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Positive thinking can take you only so far. At some point you have to move from thinking to doing. The Sun's change of signs tomorrow will show you new ways to get ahead. Hard work must come from you.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It is time to decide, once and for all, what your priorities are going to be. Don't listen to what other people tell you, listen only to your own inner voice. The choices you make now will have long-term consequences. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword

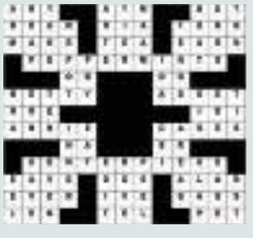
BY BETTY MARTIN



Across
1. Southern st.
4. Rig
8. — Network Canada
12. Light
13. British bus
14. Erected
15. Railway extension
16. "Con —"
17. Term of endearment
18. Drive in the country to see these (2 words)
24. Bratty children
25. Wager
26. Actress — Ward of Once and Again
28. Hawaii's Mauna —
29. Corner —
32. Before
33. Talk show host DeGeneres
35. Actors Norton and Murphy
36. Reply (abbr.)
37. Pilfer
38. Suit accompaniment
39. — the season
40. Nickel or dime
42. 1970's John Ritter sitcom (2 words)
48. Exclamation of surprise
49. Entourage role
50. Apiece (abbr.)
51. Angers
53. Proofreaders word
54. Aries sign
55. Skirt edge
56. — than Perfect
57. Vocalized pauses

Down
1. Type of market
2. To Sir, With Love singer
3. Tree chopping tool
4. Used on an envelope
5. Moran, and others
6. Copage of Julia
7. — a Big Girl Now
8. Radio dial
9. Waikiki island
10. Aroma
11. Lairs
19. Floor coverings
20. Thurman of Kill Bill
21. Woodwind instrument
22. "— on Me"
23. Bible pt.
26. Health resort
27. Eagle
28. Law degree (abbr.)
29. Actress Davis of Commander in Chief
30. Commercials
31. Fast jet, of old
33. A great lake
34. Defeat
38. Exclusive area of a nightclub
39. – Diem
40. Centres
41. Leave out
42. — Old House
43. Rodent
44. Perlman of Cheers
45. The Curious Case of Benjamin Button actress Blanchett
46. Close by
47. Sweet potatoes
52. Size before med.
53. She played Ellie Bartowski in Chuck (init.)
54. Concerning (abbr.)

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

	9	3					5	
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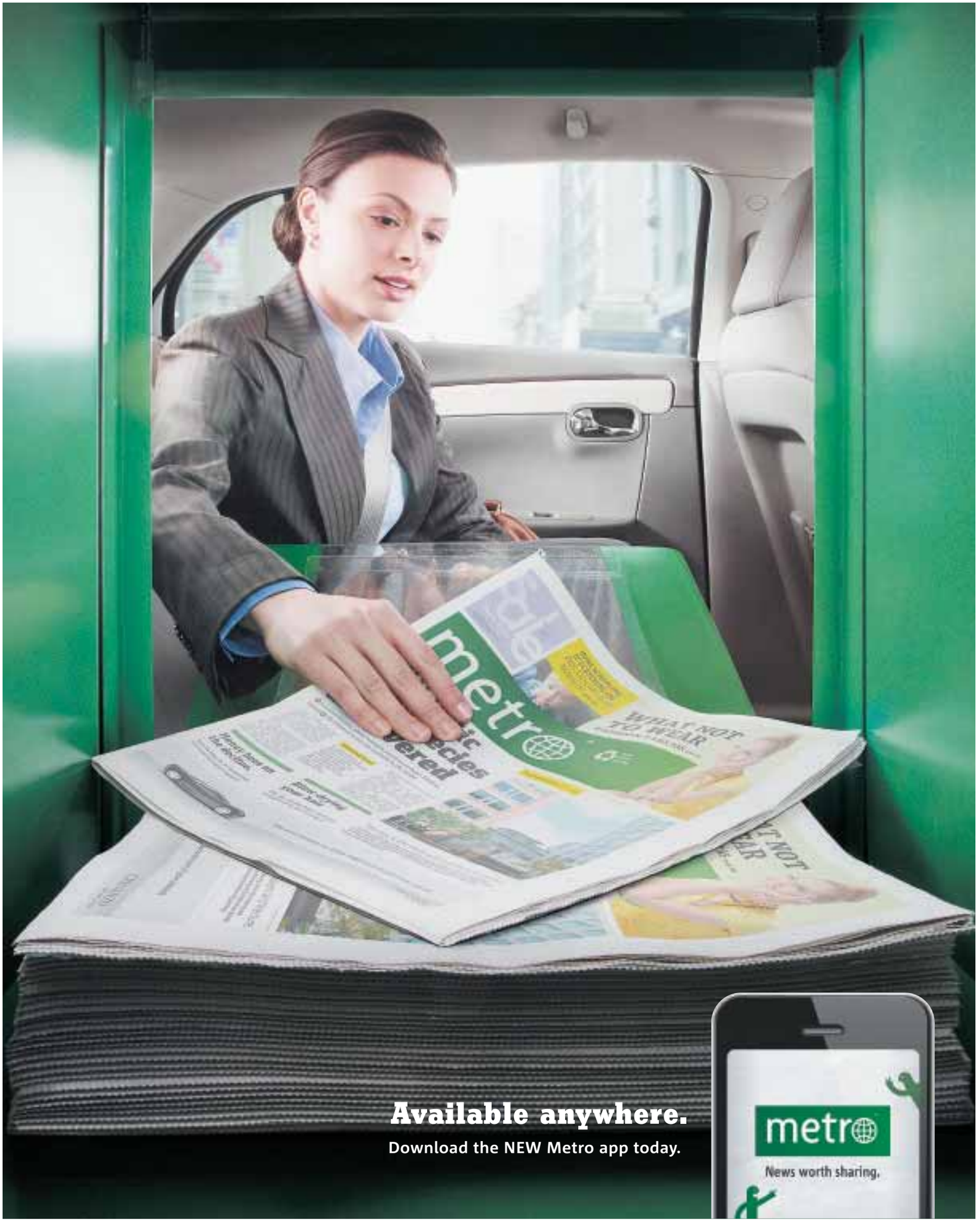

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